

Medical Association this question was discussed at some length. Doctor Ullmann of Santa Barbara spoke of a card which he had used, and which had been found very useful.

The language on this card is being studied with an idea of making suggestions both to hospitals and physicians to adopt similar placards in connection with roentgenograms made for patients.

CORRESPONDENCE

Subject of the Following Letter: Notification of Loss of Diploma

California Medical Association,
450 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I wish to report the loss of my medical diploma from Vanderbilt University, class of June 1915, with endorsement thereon showing licensed in Alabama, and registered in Probate Court, Birmingham, Jefferson County. This diploma was contained in a grip stolen from my automobile.

Also, the original notice of State Board of Medical Examiners was lost, which stated having passed the State Board.

If it is possible, I wish you would in some manner insert this in an issue of your journal, as I wish to avoid the use of these papers by an imposter.

Thanking you for this kindness,

Gratefully yours,

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Surgeon, United States Public Health Service.

COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATIONS

Comments on Excerpts From the Political Code of California

In the editorial section of this number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE are printed some comments on the affiliations and consolidations of city and county health departments. The following excerpts from a report discussing the state laws in relation to such consolidations indicate how such consolidations may be brought about.

Provision for consolidation of certain functions of the city government of Los Angeles City with appropriate functions of the county government are as follows (Charter of the city of Los Angeles):

"Section 2 (t)—to transfer or consolidate functions of the city government to or with appropriate functions of the state or county government, or to make use of such functions of the state or county government, and in the case of any such transfer or consolidation the provisions of this charter providing for the function of the city government so transferred or consolidated shall be deemed suspended during the continuation of such transfer or consolidation, to the extent that such suspension is made necessary or convenient by said transfer or consolidation and is set forth in the ordinance establishing such transfer or consolidation, and any such transfer or consolidation may be repealed by ordinance, which repeal will terminate the suspension of the provisions of the charter hereinabove provided for;"

Various city governments have been effecting the transfer of health functions to the county health officer since 1919 until now there are thirty-six cities working under agreement with the Board of Supervisors. This is provided for in Section 4225a, Political Code, 1919 enactment, as follows:

"The board of supervisors of any county wherein a county health officer has been appointed under the provisions of section four thousand and two hundred twenty-five of the Political Code shall have power to contract with any incorporated city or town or chartered city within such county, and such incorporated city, town or chartered city therein, through its board of trustees, council or other legislative body, shall have power to contract with such county for the performance by health officers or other employees of health departments of any or all functions relating to public health. Whenever such contract has been duly entered into, the county health officer and his deputies shall thereupon exercise the same powers and duties within such city or town or chartered

city as are conferred upon health officers thereof by state law and local ordinance within such city or county. In any such contract the city, town or chartered city shall have power and authority to provide for the payment by such incorporated city or town or chartered city, to the county of such consideration as may be agreed upon, the same to be paid to the county treasurer of the county.

"Said contracts may further provide for the care and support, including medical attendance, of indigent sick, and for compensation therefor."

It is therefore plain that a City Council may by ordinance transfer the functions relating to public health to a County Board of Supervisors and that a County Board of Supervisors may enter into a contract for the payment by a city located within the boundaries of the county of such sums as may be agreed upon for such services.

CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS

Recommendations Regarding Notification of Service Rules

At a meeting of the board of directors of the California Nurses' Association, held on November 7, 1931, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution

Whereas, An unprecedented situation in nursing has been created by the world-wide economic stress of the past two years whereby many people have been unable to pay for nursing service either in the hospital or in their homes; and

Whereas, Nurses in large numbers are unable to obtain employment and thereby unable to perform the nursing service for which they have been fitted; and

Whereas, The proportion of nurses in private nursing exceeds greatly the demands for private nurses; and

Whereas, The number of students in accredited schools of nursing are even in excess of the number of the previous year; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to each district of the California State Nurses' Association that a study shall be made by a special committee composed of physicians, nurses, and lay people of the community to ascertain the conditions of nursing service within the district to the end that means may be established to adequately care for the sick, both in the hospital and in the home, according to the capacity of the sick to pay for this service.

Resolved, We further recommend that nurses will individually consider the situation and in cases where need is evident will in all tolerance seek to supply this need for nursing service at a charge that is compatible with fairness to the sick and to themselves. We have in mind the ability of the patient to pay a reasonable sum, the necessary financial support of the nurse and the encouragement of the nurse to use her own judgment.

Resolved, We further recommend to nurses that they will avoid registering against any special type of cases; that they make a study of the real cause of such practice to determine if it may be removed by further preparation.

Resolved, We further recommend that nurses will consider the type and degree of nursing required in the hospital and the home and the arrangements that may be made as to rest and schedule of hours, doing all in their power to meet the need in each case as an individual matter.

Moved Further, That a request be made to have these resolutions published in California and Western Medicine.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO*

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From some editorial notes:

Fifth Volume.—The present number begins the fifth volume of the State Journal. It is somewhat less bulky than the January number of a year ago, for the reason that we have not recovered from the crippling catastrophe of last April; but during the year we trust that conditions will so materially improve that the additional number of reading pages may be added. However, if we are not quite so comfortably situated as we were a year ago, we have at least as much con-

* This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of state society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and recent members.